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Inventor(s) : Kouichi Miyamoto et al.  
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed subsequent to the Notice of Appeal filed on July 18, 2007 along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a petition for a one month extension of time, and the required fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) and § 1.17(e), making this Amendment due on or before Thursday, October 18, 2007. In response to the Final Office Action of April 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 5 of this paper.